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Have you found dub dub yet?? If so fill in a form at the office and pop it in the box.



Congratulations to Annalise Rickey who found dub dub last month and won a \$50 voucher!

ASB BANK OFFER

Please support our school if you are taking out a loan with ASB. Just download the voucher and take it into the bank.

Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$150,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

\$1,000

To take up this offer, your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between the 1 February 2016 and 30 April 2016.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

School holiday programmes for Year 5-7 students, 9am – 3pm at Huanui College, 328 Ngunguru Road, Glenbervie

Mon 18th – Wed 20th April: SCIENCE

Fun, hands on practical experimental physics, with specialised Science teachers. Sign up for all 3 days or individual days. \$40 per day. Limited spaces available

Thurs 21st – Fri 22nd April: ROBOTICS

Build a moving robot and program it using 'ModKit' to create an autopilot type robot. Compete in a series of challenges.

Limited to 12 spaces, must sign up for both days. \$80 for program

Please email admin@hc.school.nz for a booking form and payment details

SPORT NORTHLAND

EGG-CELLENT EGGS

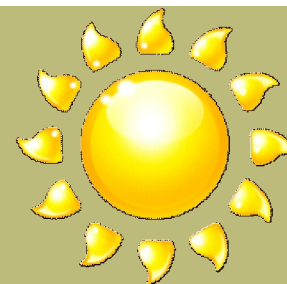
NUTRITION SUPERHEROES!

Eggs contain 11 different vitamins & minerals!

Health guidelines say 'an egg a day is ok', so find ways to include them in your meals or snacks.

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PROTEIN
VITAMIN A
VITAMIN B12
VITAMIN E
FOLATE

Developed by Sport Waikato 2015



TERM 1

Please note:

CHANGE OF DATE:

13 Apr - Tent City Juniors

13 to 15 Apr - Senior camp rooms 5 & 6

14 April - Duffy Role Model Assembly, 11.30am

15 Apr - ANZAC Assembly

Term 1 holidays
15th April to 1 May

TERM 2

5 May - Powhiri

11 May - Progress Reports home

12 May - Parent \ Teacher Interviews, 3pm - 7.30pm

18 May - Parent \ Teacher Interviews, 3pm - 5.30pm

TERM DATES 2016

Term 1 - 3 February to 15 April

Term 2 - 2 May to 8 July

Term 3 - 25 July to 23 September

Term 4 - 10 October to 15 December

RUAKAKA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



7th April 2016

Tēna koutou katoa

This will be the final newsletter for term 1. Once again it has been a very busy term and we have managed to fit so much into it. Autumn is here and the leaves are starting to fall – but the warm weather continues.

What a team we have at Ruakaka School!

Two and a half weeks ago I ended up in hospital with appendicitis and as a result I needed to have time off work to recover. When I returned last week, I just knew that everything would be ticking along as if I was here. I want to acknowledge my wonderful staff who are so committed to Ruakaka School, who are so caring and thoughtful, and who just jump in and help wherever there is a need. Thank you to every one of you. As parents you can be assured that we have a great staff here at Ruakaka School who care for every child and staff member as if they were family.

CAMPS

Wow! What amazing feedback we have had from the Room 4 & 8 camp last week. Rooms 5 & 6 will be going to the same camp next week and although \$150 seemed like a lot of money it certainly sounds like it was worth every cent! The children and the parents had a blast and took part in activities that many of them have never had the opportunity to do before. Well done to all the staff and parents who have made this possible. Camp is exhausting and a huge responsibility.

One sad note, 2 mattresses that were sent along to camp for other children to use, have not been returned to the family. These were named with "Robinson", and are red foam mattresses. If you have them at home could you please return them to school.

EASTER RAFFLE FOR PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

The parent support group were over whelmed with the donations received from families for our Easter raffle. There were 11 gift baskets made up. The winners were Norma, Devon, Jaxson, Chay & Sherie, Tauser, Tania, Sarah, Callum, Jaydon, Kathleen and Jo. Thank you all for your support in selling the tickets.



Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

Kaua mā te waewae tūtuki, engari mā te ūpoko pakaru.

Persevere with determination, don't be put off by small obstacles.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Just a reminder that BOT elections are in June. If you are thinking of becoming a BOT member it would be a good idea to take in the April meeting (April 12 at 4.30pm in the staffroom) so you have an idea of what BOT members do. There is also a booklet available at the office to further your understanding of this important role. Have a chat to a current BOT member as well.

It would be really good if we have enough people nominated so we can have a vote. Nominations will be called for at the beginning of May and need to be received by Tania in the office by noon on Friday the 20th of May. If you are nominating someone other than yourself, please discuss this with the person to make sure they are happy to be nominated. The BOT is such an important part of a school. It gives you an opportunity to have input into the direction of the school and it also helps you to understand how the school functions on a day to day basis.

CAMP PHOTOS



MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS

Many of you will remember the Matariki celebrations we held last year and we intend to do a similar thing this year. We would like you all to keep the week of the 7th – 10th of June free to pop in and join in the fun.

This year we plan to put down a hangi on Friday 10th of June which we know is quite an undertaking but something we know we can do with your support. Like our Matariki feast last year, we try to do this without families having to pay for the kai but to do this, we will have to rely on donations of meat, potatoes, kumara, pumpkin, bread for stuffing, butter, cabbage, onions, mixed herbs. We also plan to make a traditional steamed pudding.

I know we have some real masters out there amongst you who would love to get involved with this. Come on down and talk to us. And if you have any meat suitable for the hangi we would really appreciate it. Thank you so much. It will be another amazing day for Ruakaka School.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

Hopefully by now you will have all returned your parent interview forms to school for interviews in weeks 2 & 3 of next term. Please ring the office if you have lost the form. It is vital that we get to see every one of you at this important time of the year so that we can inform you about how your child is tracking so far with their learning and we can work with you to make things the very best that we can for your child. As usual, I will have a parent survey available for you to fill out on the night and there will be a lucky draw for all of you who fill them out and return them to school. Your times will be confirmed week 1, term 2.

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Tomorrow (Friday) we have been invited to perform at the Otangarei School music festival. We are taking over 80 children on two buses and it will be a great experience for them all. They will be performing about 12.15. They have been practising every afternoon this week so I am sure they will do us proud.

SCHOOL NETBALL TEAMS

A huge thank you goes out to Susan McKegg and Francida Doak for organising our Saturday netball teams. We have had so many girls show an interest in being part of these teams that we thought we had 4 teams. I must stress that it is really important that if the children are part of these teams, they must be committed to attending the games each Saturday in Whangarei and also weekly practices here at school. It is very disappointing when we need to pull out teams out of the competition at the last moment as this affects the organisation in town as well. We are working towards purchasing new uniforms for the teams so that will be great. If other siblings are staying behind at school for netball practice, we ask that they remain at the front of the school with their parent/caregiver supervising them. I wish all the teams the best for the season.

GALA DAY 2016

We had another Gala meeting this week. We really would like to have more people on this committee if we can. The Gala is a huge community event which makes a lot of money for our children. Keep an eye out for the next meeting and come along and join us. Many heads and many hands make it so much easier for us all. If you have any ideas, share them with us. Maybe you've seen something at another event that would work for us.

